



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5451

LCO No. 1048

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On Services And Supports For Persons With Developmental Disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission
2 On Services and Supports for Persons With Developmental
3 Disabilities. The commission shall consist of: (1) One member
4 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one
5 member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
6 shall be members of the General Assembly; (2) one member appointed
7 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one
8 member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
9 members of the General Assembly; (3) a representative of the
10 Governor; (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or
11 the secretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Mental Retardation,
12 or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Mental
13 Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the
14 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
15 designee; (8) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the
16 commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner of Education, or the

17 commissioner's designee; and (10) fourteen persons who shall be
18 individuals with developmental disabilities who do not have a
19 condition defined as mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g of the
20 general statutes, as amended, or members of the families of or
21 advocates for such individuals, three of whom shall be appointed by
22 the speaker of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be
23 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom
24 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the minority
26 leader of the Senate, and two of whom shall be appointed by the
27 Governor.

28 (b) The advisory commission shall:

29 (1) Study the need for services and supports for individuals with
30 developmental disabilities who do not have a condition defined as
31 mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g of the general statutes, as
32 amended. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (A) defining
33 the population to be served, (B) identifying the types of services and
34 supports needed, (C) identifying how such services and supports can
35 best be delivered, and (D) identifying the costs of such services and
36 supports; and

37 (2) Not later than January 1, 2001, submit a report of its findings and
38 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
39 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
40 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

41 (c) The Department of Mental Retardation shall provide such staff
42 as is necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the
43 advisory commission.

44 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an Advisory Commission On Services and Supports for
Persons With Developmental Disabilities to study the need for services

and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities who do not have a condition defined as mental retardation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]